

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 274

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John R. Crockett, Jr., of Elizabethton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of John R. Crockett, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, John Crockett was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Bristol, Virginia, Mr. Crockett grew up in Elizabethton and graduated from Elizabethton High School in 1938; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crockett joined the Tennessee National Guard when it was mobilized in September 1940; in September 1943, he graduated from Officers Candidate School (OCS) as a Second Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, deployed with the 94<sup>th</sup> Infantry in the European front of World War II, Mr. Crockett received the Purple Heart and the Bronze star for injuries incurred in the Battle of the Bulge; and

WHEREAS, following the war, Mr. Crockett graduated from East Tennessee State University and worked at Bemberg Rayon until he started the Crockett and Turrentine Insurance Agency, which became the John Crockett Agency; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crockett served as the owner and broker for John Crockett Real Estate; he was also a co-founder and charter member of the Board of Directors of Security Federal Bank, which he served as Secretary-Treasurer and Appraiser until he retired in 2004; and

WHEREAS, always finding time to give back to the community, John Crockett was a member and past Commander of the American Legion, Watauga Post Number 49; he was also the first Chairman of the Carter County March of Dimes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crockett was an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church of Elizabethton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crockett was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, John Crockett enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Jean Harvey Crockett; he is further survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. John R. Crockett III and Lanelle Crockett; his grandson, John R. "Jay" Crockett IV; his great-granddaughter, Callie Elizabeth Crockett; and his sister-in-law, Anne Harvey Austin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crockett was preceded in death by his mother, Jeroma Netherly Crockett; his brother, Frank Crockett; his brother-in-law, James P. Austin; and his nephew, Jimmy Austin; and

WHEREAS, John Crockett leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John R. Crockett, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Crockett.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.